

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 and 23-33 are pending. Claims 1, 8, 13, 18, 21, 23, and 26 are amended. Claim 22 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

In response to the Office Action, it is respectfully submitted that this application is not in condition for allowance. The Office Action indicates claims 9, 13, 18, 19, 22, and 23 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In view of the indication of allowable subject matter, it is submitted that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 1 is amended to include the features previously set forth in claim 13. Accordingly, claim 1 is allowable as acknowledged in the Office Action.

Claim 8 is rewritten in independent form, and therefore, is also allowable as acknowledged in the Office Action. Because the features previously set forth in claim 13 were added to claim 1, claim 13 is amended to further recite that the article is a perfume container. In addition, in view of the subject matter added to claim 1, claim 18 is amended to depend from claim 8.

Independent claim 21 is amended to include the features previously set forth in claim 22, and therefore, claim 21 is also allowable as acknowledged in the Office Action. In view of this amendment, claim 22 is canceled, and dependent claim 23 is amended to depend from claim 21.

Finally, in view of the features acknowledged as allowable with respect to claims 1 and 21, claim 26 is amended to also recite the feature in which an article containing a cosmetic product is disposed in the space. Therefore, claim 26 is also allowable.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance for claims 1-21 and 23-33 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, he or she is encouraged to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

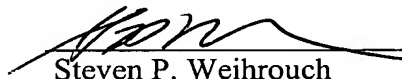
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